

**WEATHERLY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 27, 2021  
4:00 P.M.**

***UNAPPROVED***

The Regular Meeting of Weatherly Borough Council was held on September 27, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Paul Hadzick called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation by Theresa D'Andrea.

Council Members attending: Joseph Cyburt, Theresa D'Andrea, Jeffery Miller, Norman Richie, Joseph Thomas, Paul J. Hadzick and absent: Harold Farrow.

Also attending: Borough Manager, Harold Pudliner; Borough Solicitor, James Nanovic; Police Sgt. Michael Bogart; Journal Newspapers reporter, Seth Isenberg; Edward Moyer (Live Streaming to Facebook) and citizens: Deborah Kohler and Bill Beattie.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2021, were approved on a motion by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Jeffery Miller, and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The checking account balances as of August 31, 2021, totaled \$ and the account balances as of July 31, 2021, totaled \$541,969.18.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Norman Richie and by roll call vote:

Norman Richie	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Joseph Thomas	Yes	Theresa D'Andrea	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

The Manager provided a listing of the bills paid on September 2, September 9, September 16, September 23, and those to be paid on September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$218,304.25 and they were approved for payment on a motion by Norman Richie, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and on a roll call vote:

Joseph Thomas	Yes	Joseph Cyburt	Yes
Jeffery Miller	Yes	Norman Richie	Yes
Theresa D'Andrea	Yes	Paul Hadzick	Yes

**OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN:**

**Clearing of Brush in Creek Bed**

Joseph Thomas was asked when the brush was going to be removed from the creek because he was questioned by residents. Mr. Pudliner stated when the temperatures are lower and the leaves are off the trees because it makes it easier and because of the water snakes that are in the creek.

## **Weatherly Hillclimb**

Hillclimb is growing each year and people do not realize how much the Borough Manager, Borough Police and employees help with making the event possible along with the organizations that participate. He thanked everyone for their help and said how much it is appreciated.

## **BUSINESS:**

### **1. Open Bids for the Garbage Contract.**

Bids were requested for a one-, three- or five-year contract. Only one bid was received from County Waste in the amount of:

One Year Contract	\$ 244,110.00
Three Year Contract	\$ 762,013.78
Five Year Contract	\$1,322,178.50

Mr. Pudliner and Mr. Nanovic suggested rebidding the contract. The one bidder had suggested come changes to the contract and see if they come in with lower amounts.

A motion to table the Garbage Contract bids was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Thomas and approved by general acclaim of Council.

Mr. Pudliner asked Council if they would like to change the garbage contract specs. Mr. Nanovic also added that one of the bidders stated that if the contract specs were changed, they may bid. One of the concerns was the number of bags per week. Limit six bags per week and one bulk item per month. Another change was picking up in daylight hours, but that does not happen, they come whenever they can. Mr. Hadzick felt that changes should be made. Mr. Cyburt stated that we have had it good and some people take advantage of the collection. Mr. Pudliner stated that the bid prices came in at double of what we pay now. Joseph Thomas is in favor of making changes to the bid specs for the garbage contract.

A motion to changing the bid specs for the garbage contract as provided to see if they can get two bids was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

### **2. Approval for Community Chest Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 30th.**

The Community Chest has requested to have the Halloween Parade on the streets in the borough and use of the pavilion afterwards on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

A motion to approve the Community Chest Halloween Parade on Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of October 31<sup>st</sup> was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

### **3. Approve Trick or Treat Night for Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> 6pm to 8pm.**

A motion to approve Trick or Treat Night for Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6pm to 8pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

### **4. Vote on Request of Lausanne Township to Purchase Road Salt and Anti-Skid.**

Lausanne Township made a request to purchase salt and anti-skid from the Borough. Mr. Pudliner stated that we have been selling them the material for the past four years. They are charged what we

pay for the material. They do not have the facilities to store the material and usually it is less than a thousand dollars for the entire winter.

A motion to approve the request from Lausanne Township to purchase salt and anti-skid was made by Jeffery Miller, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**5. Discussion on Vehicle Ordinance.**

Mr. Pudliner had Brian Markovchick and Art Michael review the Traffic Ordinance prior to the winter months for any changes they would consider important and necessary. Mr. Pudliner highlighted the areas that they would like to see changed. The major one is to make the south side of Plane Street no parking. There is a new family living there that are parking their vehicles on Plane Street in such a way that they are causing motorists to stop if another car is coming in the other direction. There are other changes including some minor changes. Mr. Pudliner stated that parking situation are constantly changing and we must keep up to avoid problems.

A motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise the changes to the Traffic Ordinance was made by Jeffery Miller, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**6. Burning Ordinance has been Published and Ready for Vote.**

The ordinance has been advertised and is ready to be voted on.

A motion to adopt the Burning Ordinance was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**7. Approval of Resolution and Promissory Note for Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank.**

Mr. Pudliner stated that the RACP (\$1,000,000) grant for the building had not closed yet and that the Borough would be extending the loan (interim financing) for the building for one (1) year. The grant people informed Mr. Pudliner that it could six months to a year for the Borough to get the money. The resolution and promissory note were provided to Council for approval. Jeffery Miller asked Mr. Pudliner what the interest rate was on the loan. The interest rate is 1.78% which is approximately \$1,780.00 per year. There is a provision in the grant for the Borough to recoup the interest money.

A motion to approve the Resolution and Promissory Note for Jim Thorpe Neighborhood Bank was made by Joseph Cyburt, seconded by Theresa D'Andrea and approved by general acclaim of Council.

A motion to add an item to the agenda to authorize the Borough Manager to go after the Local Share Grant was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

**8. Approve Resolution to Apply for the Local Share Grant.**

Mr. Pudliner is looking to apply for the Local Share Grant to help pay for the new police cruiser, computer, flare system (infrared system) and camera system which all comes to approximately \$73,000. Mr. Hadzick added that the Police did not ask for the FLIR system, he requested for them. He saw the system work when he worked in Reading and felt it was a good idea for our Police Department. Mr. Pudliner wanted to clarify that people think that we have many vehicles, but two the cruisers have over 100,000 miles on them and only have one new cruiser that was purchased. Norman Richie asked if the cost included a plate reader. Mr. Pudliner said yes.

A motion to add an item to the agenda to authorize the Borough Manager to go after the Local Share Grant was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded by Norman Richie and approved by general acclaim of Council.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN**

Joseph Thomas mentioned that they would like to open up the hillclimb pavilion for the area vendors to hold a craft show. Joseph Cyburt stated that the grant did allow for others to use the pavilion, however, they only had temporary power for the hillclimb which needs to be done. The stone parking area across from the pavilion is foundry property and they need permission to use that area. That is why they call it the community center.

A motion to move into executive session was made by Joseph Thomas, seconded Joseph Cyburt and approved by general acclaim of Council.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council entered into executive session from 4:55 pm to 5:06 pm.

### **ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm was made by Norman Richie, seconded by Joseph Cyburt.